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1810-25/1850-51

738-722 S. Charles St. (West side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

738 and 722 S. Charles St. (the two corner houses) are the oldest houses on this side of the 700 block of S. Charles St., having been built in the period between 1810 and 1825, or perhaps earlier. 738 S. Charles St. is two and a half stories in height, four bays wide on S. Charles St. and two bays wide on W. Montgomery St., with a dormer window facing both streets. The first floor area most recently served as a local grocery and there is a late, corner storefront entrance set diagonally to the corner of S. Charles and Montgomery Streets. 722 S. Charles St. is a two and a half story, two bay wide brick house built by a local house carpenter, Thomas Hollingsworth, that shows the one room deep floor plan used in the earliest Federal-style houses built in the area. The remaining houses on the street are all three stories in height and two bays wide. All were originally built with gable roofs, like the present-day 734, 732, 730, 726, and 724 S. Charles St., but 728 and 736 S. Charles St. were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Italianate style and now have shed roofs and bracketed cornices. This group of three story houses was built in 1850-1851 to serve as combination storefront/residences for the increasing number of small shopkeepers moving into the area to meet the needs of the growing population.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

730 S. Charles St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER: restoration contemplated

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT ☒ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story gable roofed structure was built between 1849 and 1851 as part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Charles St. Like most of its neighbors, its first floor has been converted into a shop front.

The house is a full three stories in height, 13 1/2' wide and extends back on its lot about . It is constructed in running bond. The house has a low-pitched gable roof with a rectangular-shaped chimney along its north side. There is a simple brick cornice. The window openings of the second floor have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll sawed tympanum and stone sills. Those of the third floor have stone sills but no lintels. No original sash remains and the openings are boarded.

The original window opening of the first floor has been widened and given a round-arch treatment. This opening, too, is currently boarded and plastered. The narrow doorway has a segmentally arched brick lintel. The doorway and transom area are currently boarded up. The house sits on a very low basement. There is no stoop.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
___PREHISTORIC	___ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	___COMMUNITY PLANNING	___LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	___RELIGION
___1400-1499	___ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	___CONSERVATION	___LAW	___SCIENCE
___1500-1599	___AGRICULTURE	___ECONOMICS	___LITERATURE	___SCULPTURE
___1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	___EDUCATION	___MILITARY	___SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
___1700-1799	___ART	___ENGINEERING	___MUSIC	___THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	___COMMERCE	___EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	___PHILOSOPHY	___TRANSPORTATION
___1900-	___COMMUNICATIONS	___INDUSTRY	___POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	___OTHER (SPECIFY)
		___INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1851

BUILDER/ARCHITECT William Wight

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as being representative of a large group of three story gable roofed houses built in the 1840's and 1850's to serve as combination residential/commercial structures. The first floor area served as a store-front and the family lived on the two floors above. Buildings of this type were designed to meet the needs of the influx of small shop-keepers who were moving into the Federal Hill area to service the growing community. The first occupant of the house, a George Goppert, operated a gunsmith shop at this location.¹ The second occupant, William Bussman, had a shoemaking shop on the premises.²

The house was built by William Wight as part of a row of such houses extending from 724 to 730 S. Charles St. Wight had obtained the land by deed from John Howard McHenry, the grandson of John Eager Howard, from whose estate he had received the property.³ In 1851 the house itself was sold for \$700 by Goppert, the original lessee, to Bussman, whose family continued to live at this location for thirty years.⁴

The house has recently been sold by the City to a private owner and will hopefully soon be restored.

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1851

²Ibid., 1853

Baltimore City Land Records, Liber TK 338, Folio 343

⁴Ibid., Liber AWB 465, Folio 185

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

3/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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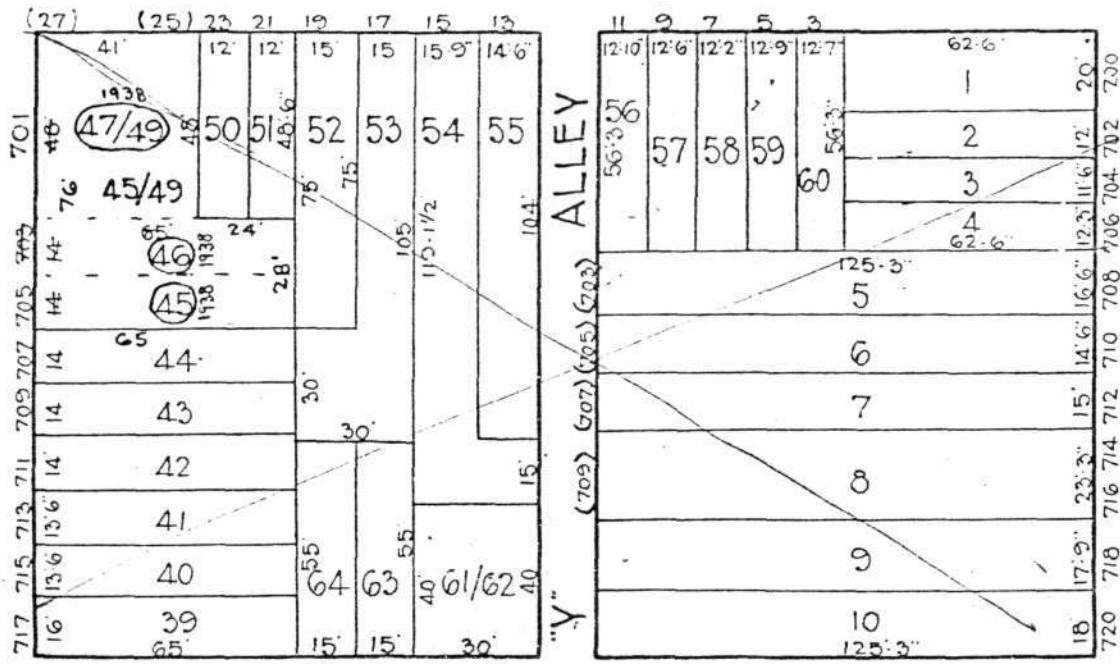
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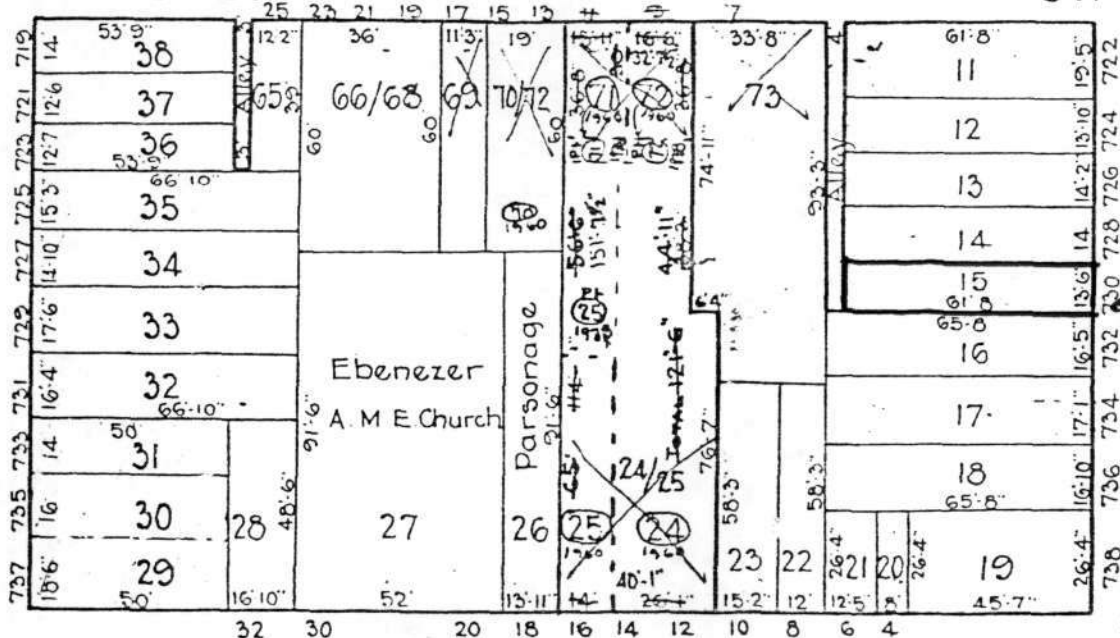


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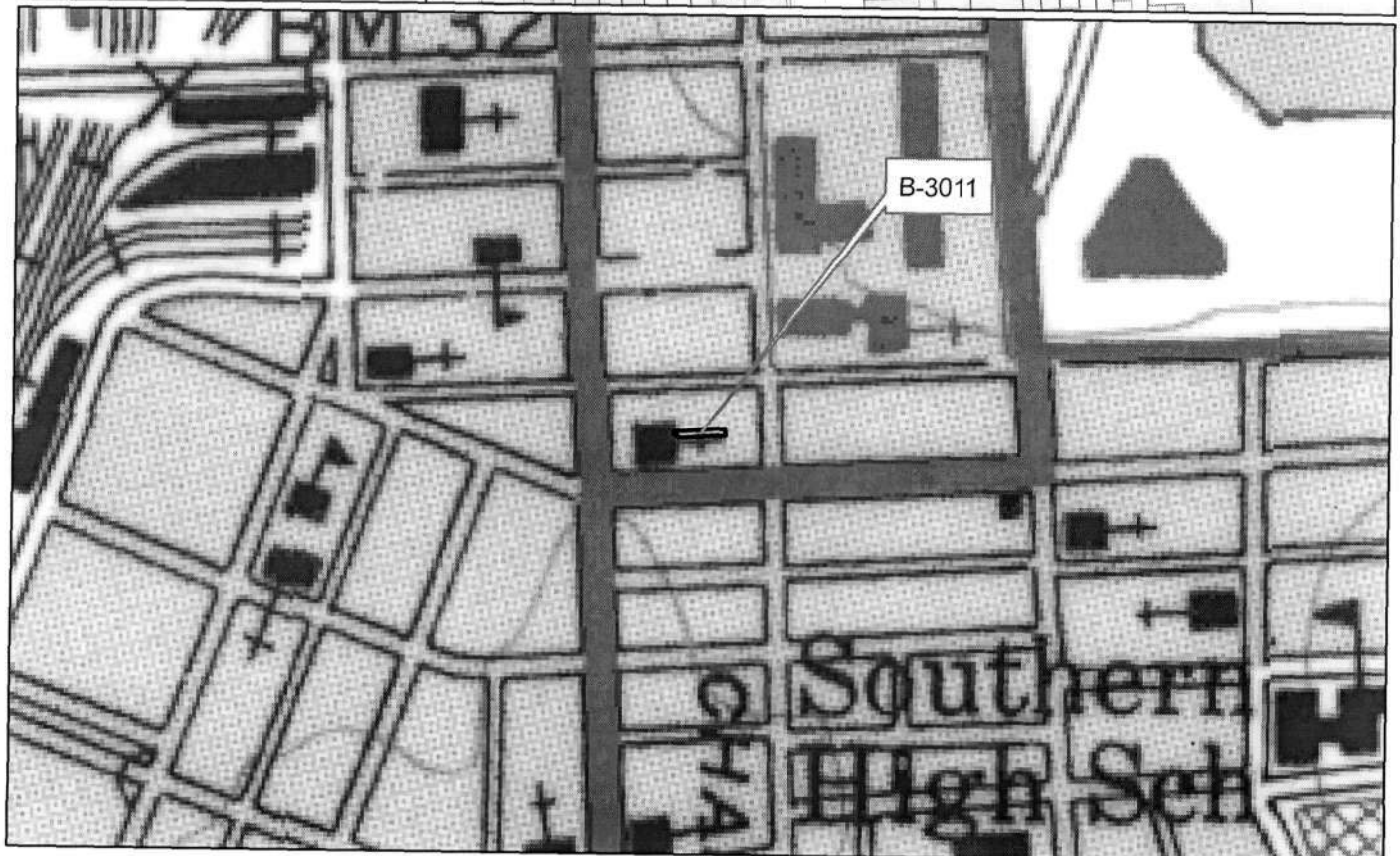
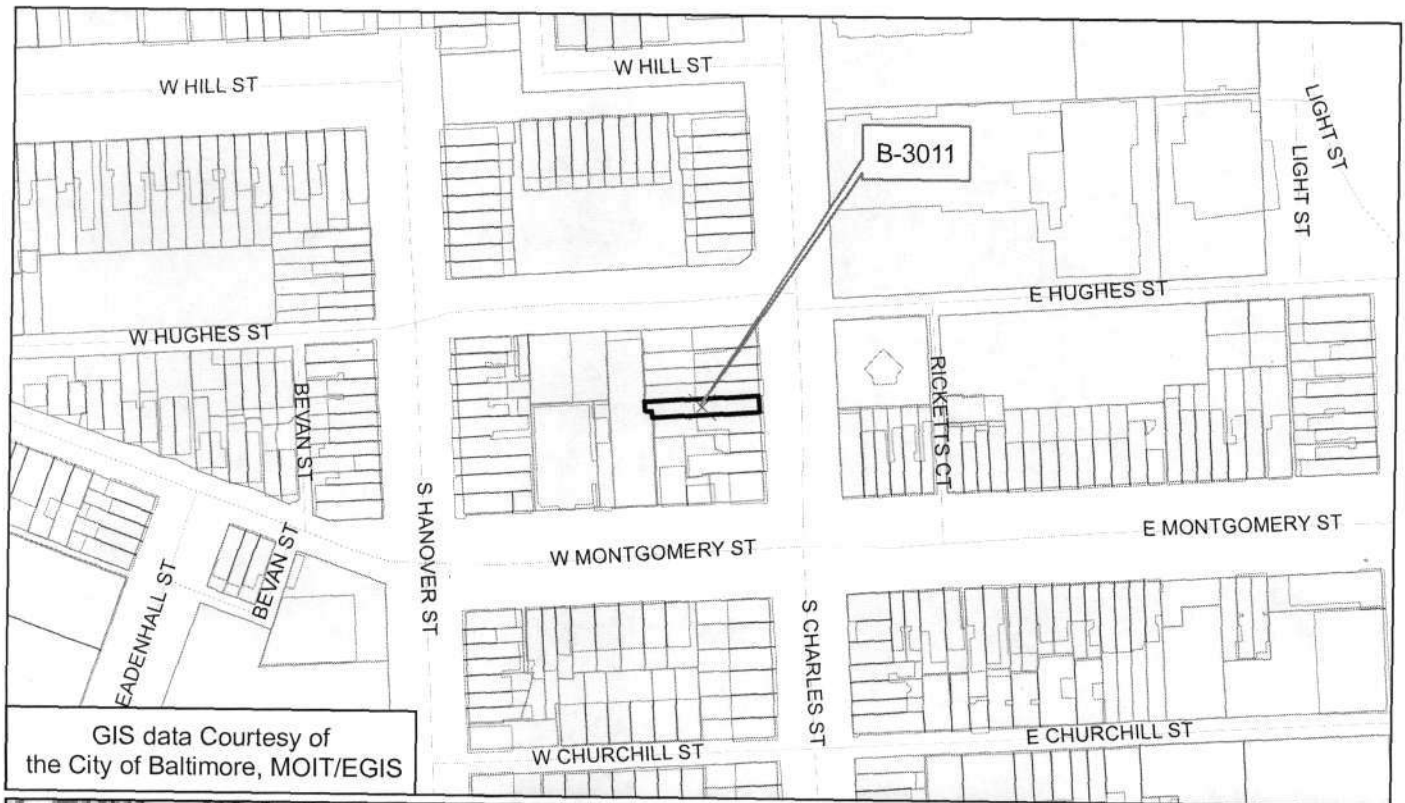


S. CHARLES

W. MONTGOMERY

ST.

B-3011
730 S. Charles Street
Block 0895 Lots 015
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





B-301| 730 S. Charles St.

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East elevation